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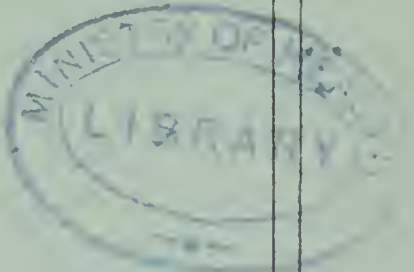
and the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1953.

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CANTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council L.J. Wiles, Esq., J.P. (to May, 1953).
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(from May, 1953).
Vice-Chairman " " W.J. Garratt, Esq., A.M. Inst. B.E., J.P.
(to May, 1953),
J.R. Jameson, Esq., (from May, 1953).
Chairman of the Public Health Committee, W.J. Garratt, Esq., A.M. Inst. B.E., J.P.
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F.J. McCarthy, Esq., (from May, 1953).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE AS AT 31-12-53.

Mr. H.A. Bore.	Mr. S. Rushton.
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Mr. J. T. Cliff.	Miss M. J. Walker.
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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Duncan T. McAinsh, M.C., M.A., M.B., Ch.B.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

G. Richardson, M.S.I.A., Certificate S.I.E.J.B.
Certificate for Meat and Food Inspector.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR.

O. W. Farnall, Certificate S.I.E.J.B.

CLERKS.

Mrs. K.M. Armishaw. (to 22nd. April, 1953.

Miss J. Lockley.

Miss J. Wynn. (from June, 1953.)

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Cannock Rural District Council:-

I have the honour to present my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for 1953: a Report from your Chief Sanitary Inspector for the same period is included. The Report has been compiled to comply with the directions of Ministry of Health Circular 1/54.

Under the National Health Services Acts, 1946-1952, Part 111 services are provided for this district by the Staffordshire County Council - these including Ambulance Service, the provision of Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinics, Home Nursing and Home Help facilities, the After-care of cases of Tuberculosis, among many other items.

It is satisfactory to record that the Corrected Birth Rate for the District is again higher than, and the Corrected Death Rate lower than the Rates for England and Wales.

No major epidemic occurred during the year. There was no case of Infantile Paralysis; nor was there any case of Diphtheria. To maintain the latter most satisfactory result, the level of immunisation must be kept up and every effort is made to have this so.

I willingly thank my staff for their assistance in preparing this report, and for their loyal work throughout the year.

Finally I wish to thank you, Sir, and your Committee for the courtesy and interest that has been shown by you in the work of the Health Department: it has made my work as your part-time Medical Officer of Health most pleasant.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Duncan T. McAinsh.

Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (in acres) 55, 256 - unchanged.

Registrar General's estimate of the resident population in mid-year 24,710.

Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book at 31st March, 1953 = 6457.

Rateable Value as at 31.3.53. £110, 464, and a penny rate produces £420.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Live Births.	258	220	478
Legitimate.	242	204	446
Illegitimate.	16	16	32
Total Stillbirths.	10	8	18
Legitimate.	9	7	16
Illegitimate.	1	1	2

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district	19.34.
Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 population for the district	20.11.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population for England and Wales	15.5.

Stillbirths 36.29 per 1,000 total (Live & Still) Births.

Stillbirths for England and Wales the corresponding figure is 22.4.

Stillbirth Rate 0.73 per 1,000 population.

Stillbirth Rate England and Wales 0.35 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

Total	200.	Male	111.	Female	89.
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Local Crude Death Rate 8.09 per 1,000 population.

Corrected Death Rate 9.06 per 1,000 population.

Death Rate for England and Wales 11.4 per 1,000 population.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the country was .76 per 1,000 total Births (Live and Still).

There was no case of Maternal Mortality in the district during the year.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER
ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age = 25.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of Age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births.....52.30.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....53.81.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....31.25.

Deaths from Measles (all ages).....Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).... 1.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)....Nil.

INCIDENCE OF SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA
AND PNEUMONIA DURING THE TEN YEARS

1944 - 1953.

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Pneumonia.
1944	39	31	26
1945	28	29	14
1946	22	11	25
1947	58	5	24
1948	99	2	12
1949	65	2	18
1950	19	1	7
1951	14	2	19
1952	32	2	6
1953	32	-	12

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS
DURING THE YEAR 1953.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox.....	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	32	9	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia...	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	3	-	-
Pneumonia.....	12	2	7
Meningitis.....	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever...	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Sonne Dysentery.....	1	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	112	6	1
Measles.....	327	9	-

TUBERCULOSIS YEAR 1953.

	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.	
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M&F.	M&F.
0 to 1 year.....	-	1	-	-	1	-
1 and upwards.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 and upwards.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 " ".....	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 " ".....	-	1	-	1	-	-
20 " ".....	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 " ".....	1	4	-	-	1	-
35 " ".....	1	2	1	-	1	-
45 " ".....	2	-	-	-	-	-
55 " ".....	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 " ".....	2	2	-	-	1	-
Totals.	7	11	1	1	4	-

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS CASES
IN
CANNOCK RURAL DISTRICT.

PARISH.	DIPHTHERIA.	SCARLET FEVER.	MEASLES.	WHOOPIG COUGH.
Acton & Bednall.	-	-	6	3
Blymhill.	-	-	2	-
Brewood.	-	1	55	-
Cheslyn Hay.	-	9	25	4
Coppenhall.	-	-	8	-
Dunston.	-	1	8	-
Essington.	-	6	32	15
Featherstone.	-	-	34	7
Hatherton.	-	-	3	1
Huntington.	-	2	22	2
Lapley.	-	-	7	-
Penkridge.	-	-	73	14
Shareshill.	-	-	8	-
Stretton.	-	-	6	-
Great Wyrley.	-	13	38	66
TOTALS.	-	32	327	112

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S SHORT LIST
OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.....	4	2	2
Tuberculosis, other.....	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease.....	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	1	1	-
Meningococcal infections.....	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases.....	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	10	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	10	10	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.....	18	10	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-	-
Diabetes.....	2	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	30	11	19
Coronary disease, angina.....	21	15	6
Hypertension with heart disease.....	-	-	-
Other heart disease.....	26	15	11
Other circulatory disease.....	6	1	5
Influenza.....	1	1	-
Pneumonia.....	7	5	2
Bronchitis.....	13	8	5
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	1	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.....	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	3	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	3	3	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	-	-	-
Congenital malformations.....	4	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	25	10	15
Motor vehicle accidents.....	5	3	2
All other accidents.....	5	4	1
Suicide.....	3	1	2
Homicide and operations of war.....	-	-	-

TOTALS. 200 111 89

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Summary of Inspections and Work done during 1953.

Number of houses inspected for repairs.....	197.
Re-inspections, calls etc.....	403.
Slaughter-house licences renewed.....	4.
Meat and Food inspections.....	45.
Visits to Dairies and Milk Distributors.....	4.
Petrol licences renewed.....	56.
New petrol licences issued.....	2.
Drainage work examined.....	91.
Cases of Infectious Disease investigated.....	38.
Cases of Infectious Disease removed.....	27.
Houses disinfected after Infectious cases.....	26.
Reports of infectious cases to M.O.H. (excluding T.B.).....	472.
New licences, Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.....	1.
Renewal licences, Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.....	42.
Informal Notices issued.....	75.
(Affecting 93 houses)	
Statutory Notices issued.....	9.
Water Samples taken.....	
Chemical.....	32.
Bacteriological.....	32.
Moveable Dwelling Licences issued.....	57.
Visits re Moveable Dwellings.....	180.
Visits re Refuse matters.....	182.
Visits re Disinfestation for vermin.....	8.

SPECIAL MILK LICENCES.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1938/44.
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Sterilised.</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Accredited.</u>
Supplementary Licences.	12	12	14	-
Dealers' Licences.	13	21	6	-

WATER SUPPLIES.

The water supplies from the three main suppliers viz:- The South Staffordshire Water Works Company, the Wolverhampton Corporation, and the Stafford Corporation, remained satisfactory as regards quality. The supply from Wolverhampton to the Bishops Wood area was, as in the previous year, intermittent owing to the lack of sufficient pressure to reach this area during the day-time. It is understood that the Wolverhampton Water Undertaking are now taking the necessary steps to remedy this fault.

No waters were proved liable to plumbo-solvent action.

PARTICULARS OF NUMBER OF HOUSES SUPPLIED
FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WATER MAINS.

	<u>HOUSES.</u>	<u>HOUSES SUPPLIED DIRECT.</u>
Acton & Bednall.....	137	118
Blymhill.....	147	80
Brewood.....	1,007	885
Cheslyn Hay.....	848	847
Coppenhall.....	42	40
Dunston.....	87	32
Essington.....	858	852
Featherstone.....	273	273
Hatherton.....	157	149
Huntington.....	362	362
Hilton.....	92	86
Lapley.....	239	206
Penkridge.....	785	706
Saredon.....	119	109
Sharehill.....	100	96
Stretton.....	48	45
Teddesley Hay.....	28	22
Weston-under-Lizard.....	81	76
Great Wyrley.....	1,301	1,209

ANTHRAX.

During the year 7 suspected cases of Anthrax were reported compared with 10 suspected cases in the previous year. None of these cases were confirmed.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse was again carried out by direct labour, using 4 vehicles and employing 19 men (including drivers). The vehicles consist of 1 Karrier side-loader of 7 cubic yard capacity and 3 Dennis side-loaders each of 10 cubic yard capacity. One Dennis side-loader was, in June, 1953, replaced by a Shelvoke and Drewry rear-loader of 16/18 cube yard capacity.

The whole of the Cannock Rural area was given this service each week save for approximately 1,000 houses in the more scattered districts which were visited on alternate weeks.

The size of this undertaking will be appreciated when it is realised that some 9,800 tons of refuse were collected during the year. The population of 24,400 is spread over an area of 55,256 acres necessitating a mileage of 34,200 miles at a cost of £10,556. The cost per 1,000 premises was, therefore, £1,635.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government in its costing returns for the period 1952-53 shows the average cost of this service in each of the Local Authorities with a population of less than 30,000 to be £1577. No Rural figures were given.

CESSPOOLS.

During the year the emptying of cesspools was extended so as to cover the whole of the Cannock Rural District. This was made possible by the purchase of a third cesspool emptier. The new vehicle having a capacity of 800 gallons and made by Shelvoke and Drewry; the other vehicles being of 800 and 720 gallons are manufactured by Shelvoke and Drewry and Commer respectively.

For the most part of the year six men were employed on this work covering approximately some 753 cesspools. Approximately 3,900 loads were dealt with and the total distance covered was 16,386 miles; the cost for the year is £3,693.

PAN LAVATORIES.

The emptying of approximately 950 pan lavatories together with caravans was carried out by a team of 3 men using one refuse collection vehicle adapted for this work. 727 loads were collected and 11,000 miles travelled at a cost of £1,600.

This service was also afforded to the large number of caravans (approximately 600) in the district, and was carried out by the above team together with your cesspool emptiers.

